

Open Gardens Today In Salem Invite A Friendly Call

GAY PETUNIA FAMILY IS POPULAR ANNUAL

One of the most widely grown, most popular and oldest of garden annuals is the petunia, which ranges from the plainest and duller of colors in its poorer forms to the magnificent rich velvety fringed, fringed and ruffled modern forms. It is a plant both for the garden and the conservatory.

It is a member of that useful family, the nightshades, to which also belong the tomato and potato. The plant is a native of southern South America and the name is derived from an Indian appellation, Petu, with a Latinized ending.

There are a great variety of types, all of which are useful and beautiful. The most widely grown is the small flowered bedding type of which Rosy Morn is the modern prototype, the plants covering themselves from midsummer until freezing weather with a sheet of bloom that hides the leaves.

A larger flowered form of larger growth is the ideal window or porch box plant, that is, the balcony petunia. The named giant flowered forms are fine pot plants and are better for this extra care than when bedded out.

The double petunia is an old-fashioned favorite house plant. All petunias, including the doubles, are easily raised from seed and grow readily in almost any soil condition and even bloom in the shade although by nature they are sun lovers.

The seed is very fine and the main trouble in getting the tiny plant by the infant stage are they are easily washed or drowned out by careless watering when they are just through the soil.

Plant in rows or masses in the garden and a brilliant spot in the garden is assured.

National Contest Garden Open

As we study the beauty of the gardens at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Doerfler, east of Salem it is difficult to realize that only two years ago the spot now so lovely as a sunken garden was a mass of wild evergreen black-berry vines.

The Doerfler gardens are an outstanding example of what can be accomplished by careful planning. The house in a beautiful setting of trees and lawn is situated on a knoll with rising ground at the back.

The sunken garden that was so much admired last year has been enlarged this year and a formal rose garden has been added. More than 500 feet of rock garden extends on each side of the highway past the Doerfler grounds and the landscape work has been very carefully done.

This home has been entered in the National Garden contest and is one of the outstanding homes and gardens in the Salem district.

Places to View Today

Today is the day you may be sure of a welcome at least the part of the gardens named below. Some of these gardens are small and although very beautiful it would be difficult for many visitors to "go through" them but those that are small are "viewable" from a small area of the garden. Its appearance is what one wants to find. The right to sit down in the garden and love and enjoy it at leisure is reserved for the one who coaxes it into the beauty that the other folk enjoy looking at.

A good place to start the tour of "open gardens" today would be from the rose gardens of Mrs. Myron Van Eaton. This garden is south of Salem on Ewald avenue which may be found by carefully watching for a turn to the right as you go past the Jefferson road. After visiting there turn back on Liberty road and when you come to Salem Heights avenue go up the hill to the Frank Erickson garden.

On your way back into town turn to your left on Washington street on South Commercial street and on up Fairmount hill to the U. G. Shipley garden at 148 Washington; then on up to Lincoln and the Cross and Livesley, Cox and Putnam gardens.

From here wander over to the D. J. Fry gardens. You may drive in at one entrance and out at the other and get a splendid view of the garden. While on South Hill be sure to see the gardens of Miss Sally Bush. Next call at the garden of Mrs. O. White on 654 South Church and those of his neighbors in that block.

From here Miss Alma Sonners at 1045 South Liberty street is not far. It will be convenient here to go down Mission street to the garden of Mrs. Clifford Brown. Then come down to State street and go straight out about eight miles to the Frank Doerfler gardens and on coming back into Salem go across to Dr. H. J. Clements 350 North 14th street and then to the W. O. Anderson garden, 1577 Court street and Mrs. John Cherrington, 1099 Court.

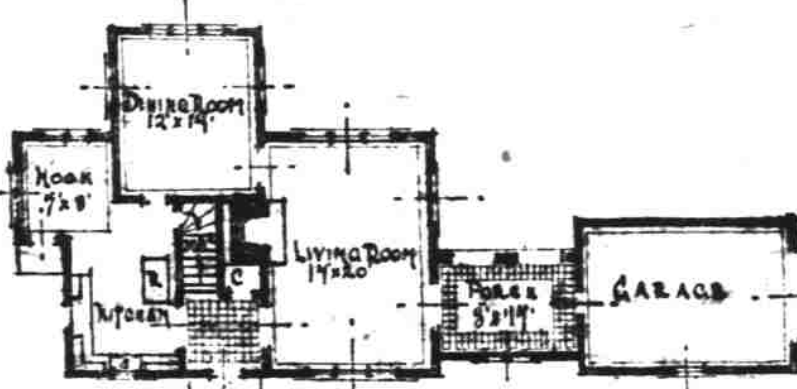
From there drive down Sumner street and visit the Homer Smith and William McElchist gardens at 695 North Sumner, and then across to 940 D street and the garden of Frank Deckebach, and don't forget W. A. Barquist, 1115 North Win. er.

With that done take a 10-mile drive, leaving Salem by North Commercial street and the Wacanda or river road street and Jonesama farms and the gardens of Miss Mabel Creighton.

In the evening don't forget to drive down the alley back of 850 Union street and see the lovely garden of W. H. Burghard; lighted with a flood light.

Hope you have a good time.

PLAN SHOWS FRENCH INFLUENCE



FIRST FLOOR PLAN
Specially drawn floor plan by Lyle P. Bartholomew, architect, United States National Bank building, Salem.

This treatment discloses French influence in the extension of the house into the garage with a covered porch between. It suggests some of the rambling French cottages one sees in Brittany or the Champagne.

The plan speaks loudly of rear view. Dining room, living room and sun porch look out upon rear lawn and gardens. One may picture a broad expanse of lawn, perhaps a sunken garden with flowers and vegetables for the table.

The day rooms are on the first floor; the second floor allows for three bedrooms and bath, the bedrooms placed to open as much as possible on the rear view.

GARDEN TALKS



Keeping the grounds up-to-date should involve a yearly examination, a thorough going-over of every part of the grounds with the idea of eliminating run-down plantings and substituting new plantings wherever it is needed. Gardens can often be changed to make them more attractive and more modern, or another type of garden, such as a rock garden, can be added to bring new interest to the grounds.

During the dormant season, trim the grape vines back to a very few good eyes or buds. This will increase the vigor of the plant and insure a better crop of fruit.

The cutting of the early blossoming kinds of plants for forcing is a profitable business. The plants should be cut in the early spring change for interior decoration. One of the most ornamental of all these twigs for this purpose is the pussy willow. Placed in water in doors it develops very quickly.

Who doesn't like to try out something a bit different? Gardening is surely no exception, and if you want your garden to have the spice of originality, why not try a rock garden? Rock work is charming for small as well as large developments, and enables you to enjoy a beauty spot not obtainable with the usual flat landscape arrangement.

There's a "best way" to do everything, and amateur gardeners should give a little thought to the best way of handling pruning shears. Always work with the cutting blade lowermost so that you pull it upward, thus the pressure is downward on the handle of the cutting side. This allows you to cut smoothly and close to the stem from which the pruned shoot is removed. It insures against possible stripping of bark resulting from a downward cut. Work the "set" of the blade—don't let it get sprung.

Never use shears that are dull. Keep them sharp as you work.

If you have been dreaming of the wonderful things you would do in the spring with trees, shrubs, vines and flowers, it is high time to get busy. If you have not prepared a definite plan don't wait another minute. The folks who will help you make your plan and assist in the selection of your plants will soon be swamped with work, for it is a short season and a busy one. Get started on that plan now, for the earlier you get your order booked the earlier you can secure delivery, getting your plants before growth has started enough to set back the season's developments.

Home owners can know no greater satisfaction than that which comes when the grounds are developed with the same care and finish and with the same beauty as the rooms within the house.

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GROW ROCK PLANTS FOR BEST RESULTS

In order to obtain a supply of the rarer and most desirable rock plants it is necessary to raise them from seed as they are much more likely to succeed. Losses among the seedlings will not be felt as severely as mature plants bought at considerable expense from the nursery.

The commoner plants on which dependence for gay sheets of color in the rock garden is placed are very easily raised, for the most part from seed. Among these are the hardy alyssums, anemones, arabis, the dwarf bellflowers, creeping veronicas, the various primroses, the dainty Alpinas and Iceland poppies, and the long list of violets from various countries. The plants alone will furnish a rock garden.

Of these the primroses offer the most difficulty as often the seed is slow, uncertain, and irregular in germination. This one condition that must be provided for primrose seed is continuous moisture and good drainage.

For the raising of the more delicate rock plants a mixture of one-third sifted peat moss, good garden soil, and silver sand is often used. The peat moss helps to retain moisture, being of acid reaction it is less liable of damping-off, a fungus pest that often destroys many seedlings.

Now is the time to start these little plants. They will give fine plants to be installed and established for next spring's display. The soil is also in the best condition for every rock gardener. There is now a substantial list of these tiny gems offered by American seedsmen in response to the growth of rock gardening popularity. They need careful handling as the plants are very tiny and should only be watered from below by setting the seed vessel in another vessel containing water until the soil is moistened.

In planting Alpine seedlings in their permanent quarters care must be taken to give those of more vigorous and rampant growth plenty of room. Otherwise they might soon overtake and kill the subjects of more delicate and fragile growth.

ACTIVITY IS SEEN IN REALTY MARKET

Thirty-two transfers of property, representing about \$161,500, have been made in a 90-day period by Sears and Luck from that office. This business represents for them a big increase over previous sales in a like period, and they believe, foretells a good business in Salem and vicinity for the summer and fall.

Most of the transfers have been for deals, with the heaviest demand for dairy ranches. The largest sale was Bob Hunsacker's dairy ranch at Tillamook, which sold for \$30,000. City property they report to be a little slow at this time, due to the period of the year.

Both members of this firm are insistent that it is a mistaken idea that the sell in this section will not raise alfalfa, for they say alfalfa ranches are most in demand now.

PERRYDALE ENJOYS BENNER PROGRAM

PERRYDALE, June 7.—Joseph Benner and family of Salem gave Perrydale folks a real treat Thursday evening. They are surely a talented family. Mr. Benner as both singer and reader furnished his share of the program. Mrs. Benner and Vivian also, and with Helen at the piano and joining in with her lovely contralto voice and Delbert with his violin, the crowd did not realize that they had been entertained for two hours.

Next fall when they resume community club meetings it is planned to have them back for another evening.

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Make Roses More Popular By Growing New Varieties

By MRS. MYRON VAN EATON
Roses would be more popular if the new varieties and some not so new were grown and well known.

These better roses are beautiful in color and shape as well as having good foliage that is not so susceptible to disease. Good roses these days must measure up to a certain standard and the standard is high. The trouble seems to be that most persons who buy roses do so without knowing the merits or demerits of rose. There are many poor ones. Rose experts now give lists of roses in garden magazines, and these roses are tested either by them or in test gardens and it is absolutely safe to follow their advice. It is better to use the advice of an expert who lives near as some roses that do well in the east are not so good here, and others that do not do well in the east and middle-west, do well here. Some of the large rose growers are putting out catalogs that tell the truth and all the truth about roses and this is one step forward. However there are many catalogs that give such a glowing description of every rose listed that it is impossible to pick out the best ones.

A rose to be good must have a beautiful color, good shape, good foliage and must be a good grower, free bloomer, hardy and disease resistant. The following are a few of the best that the writer has tried.

First on the list is that wonderful one named Angele Pognet. This is a combination of orange and yellow, and one that everyone falls in love with. Its foliage is glossy and very good.

Another that always attracts much attention is Madam Edward Herriot or "Daily Mail." This is a eppery salmon in color, free bloomer and an early rose. It opens well and evokes a cob, wet spring. Very good and easy to grow. These two roses were bred by that peer of all rose hybridizers, Pernet Ducher, a Frenchman. He has given us some of our best roses. The Daily Mail, newspaper of England, offered a prize of \$1,000.00 for the best rose of that year and Ducher won it on his Madam Edward Herriot, and this is called "Daily Mail" when one cannot remember the proper name.

A good red one is Etolle de Holland. This is one of the newer ones and should be grown by everyone as it is beautiful and easy to grow. Its parents are General McArthur and Hadley. Its parents are good roses too, although not new. Hoosier Beauty and Climbing Hoosier Beauty are also good.

In the yellow class there are several good ones to choose from—Golden Emblem, Florence Izard, Fern Joseph Loogman and Lady Margaret Stewart. The first three are beautiful and have glossy foliage.

A wonderful shade of corise pink shaded yellow is Mrs. A. R. Barraclough. This has a wonderful large bloom, good shape, compact growth and easy to grow. The best pink the writer has tried. Another two toned pink is Betty

MRS. JOHN TWEED'S CHICKENS PRAISED

CENTRAL HOWELL, June 7.—Mrs. John Tweed has an excellent flock of little chickens. A representative of a well known feed company with headquarters in Portland is making an extensive survey of the flocks using that particular feed and this representative stated that Mrs. Tweed's chickens ranked second in rapidity of growth and general health in the entire district he had visited.

MISSIONARY IS SPEAKER

TURNER, June 7.—Miss Grace Farnam, a returned missionary from Japan, occupied the pulpit at the Christian church last Sunday morning. She very entertainingly told of the life of the people and of their religion and education. Following the service nearly 150 sat down at the dinner served in the church dining room.

SMALL FARMS NEAR TOWN ARE ADVISED

Small tract farming was urged by H. C. Cully, farm advisor of the United States National Bank of Portland in a recent address before the Bend chamber of commerce. He urged the continued agricultural development of the Bend country and explained what could be done by interesting mill workers and clerks in small tracts of land near town.

Mr. Cully predicted that the establishing of egg packing plants in the eastern and central Oregon country will be the beginning of a large industry. Climatic conditions in this territory are ideal for the development of the poultry and dairy industries, he said.

Cully presented statistics indicating that Oregon has not made marked agricultural progress and used a chart in illustrating the manner this state has lagged behind Washington and California. "There isn't such a thing as gutting the market with a good standard commodity," he said, as he related how a section of Oregon worked to cut down production in certain lines and Washington continued to make phenomenal progress.

Farm Crops Need Warmer Weather

HAZEL GREEN, June 7.—Crops in this district are badly in need of warmer weather. Edward Dunningan Jr. had his oats and vetch hurt by the freeze, the ground being so wet that the plants were lifted out by the ice. The farmers have finished the planting of corn. The corn in this

section is used for ensilage and hog feed. The wheat is turning yellow from too much rain, but it has often done well after much rain in early summer.

Jackson Maryoka has cucumbers blooming in his hothouse. Mr. Maryoka grows celery and lettuce, after removing the earlied plants the hothouses are used for growing tomatoes, egg plants and cucumbers.

The continued rains have damaged the cherries and strawberries.

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ROAD IMPROVEMENT ON AT JEFFERSON

JEFFERSON, June 7.—W. E. Perkins, foreman of the highway construction crew, has begun the work of rebuilding and widening the three small bridges on the highway south of Jefferson.

These bridges will be re-decked and made four feet wider. Perkins also has charge of re-surfacing the highway, which will be done in the near future. He and his family are occupying the Barnett residence on Second street, and other members of his crew have moved into Mrs. Blyeu's house on First street.

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